

CITY COUNCIL.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was held last night.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

After the reading of the minutes, and the concurrence in the action of the Common Council, in referring a communication from the Mayor in regard to the chain gang, to the Committee on Streets.

A resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Police to employ an additional captain of the chain gang, coming in from the Common Council.

Dr. French opposed the resolution and said that when the chain gang got so large that one man could not attend to it, a police officer could be detailed to assist the captain of the gang. He was opposed to creating any more offices.

Mr. Moore said policemen could not be detailed from their regular duties to attend to the chain gang, and he hoped the Board would pass the resolution.

The President said that there were continual escapes from the chain gang, and that it was impossible for one man to attend to them. He hoped the Board would concur in the action of the Common Council.

Mr. Moore said the Superintendent of Police would not employ a man when there was no necessity for it. The Superintendent, he supposed, would exercise some judgment in the matter.

Mr. Seaton opposed the resolution on the ground that there was already a communication covering the whole subject.

The resolution was not concurred in. A communication from Mr. J. B. Smoot, tendering his resignation as President of the Board of Public Works, being received from the Common Council.

Mr. Smoot said that the President of the Board of Public Works had requested him to state to the Board of Aldermen that it was not through any desire, on his part, to shirk the responsibility of a public officer, but that press of private business compelled him to tender his resignation.

The resignation of Mr. J. B. Smoot, as President of the Board of Public Works, was then accepted.

A communication from E. L. DuBarry, Superintendent of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad, asking permission to erect a framed toll house on the southwest corner of St. Asaph and Queen streets, being read.

Mr. Seaton said that this was so much like the case of Lewis Baltimore he could not conscientiously vote for it. The Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company had gone to work and built the house, and then come to Council to ask permission. Council had refused, under the same circumstances, to allow Baltimore to erect a frame house, and he was opposed to granting the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company any more privileges than they would the humblest citizen.

He knew the Board would not grant to a railroad monopoly what it had refused to grant to a poor man.

Permission to erect the house was granted. The Board, after transacting some other business without debate, proceeded to the chamber of the Common Council to elect a Health Officer, and Overseers of the Poor.

Upon returning to their chamber, a resolution appropriating \$150 for the establishment of a night school for apprentices, being received from the Common Council.

The President said that from a conversation he had had with the member from the Third Ward, (Dr. French,) he thought that if the resolution was put then it would be lost. He would therefore suggest that the resolution be laid over until the next meeting.

Dr. French said that while he was in favor of the night school he was opposed to making the appropriation; there was a school fund of \$7,000, and that ought to pay the teachers of the day schools and support the night school also. He did not think they ought to make the appropriation.

On motion of Mr. Moore the resolution was laid over, and

The Board at 9:10 adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The Common Council held its usual semi-monthly meeting last night, the entire Board being present. Some six or eight spectators occupied seats outside the bar.

A communication from the Board of Public Works in relation to street grades having been read.

Mr. Broders urged immediate action on the subject, as there were several persons anxious to build as soon as the grade was fixed, and every one was anxious that the pile of mud in the middle of St. Asaph street should be removed.

Mr. Beach concurred in the desire that the grade should be fixed, but said that Oronoko street had been graded once before within two years, but the people there were willing to take this grade provided it should be a final grade.

Mr. Hughes was sure that a better grade, a less expensive one, and one more acceptable to the people there could be made than the one proposed by the Board. This grade required a cut of nine feet for a whole square, and would cost \$1,000. A few years ago \$800 was spent on the grade of this street.

Mr. McKeezie hoped that the matter would be referred to the Committee on Streets. The chairman had evidently examined the subject and could make a report.

JOINT MEETING.

In the meanwhile the Aldermen came in and a joint convention was held to elect a Health Officer.

Mr. Eichberg nominated Dr. Powell.

Mr. Harlow nominated Dr. Brown.

Mr. Beach nominated Dr. E. A. Stabler.

Mr. Janney said Dr. Brown would not serve, and his nomination was withdrawn.

The ballot resulted as follows:—Dr. Powell, 15; Dr. Stabler, 5.

Mr. Harlow moved to go into an election for Overseers of the Poor. He thought as wood had soon to be distributed overseers ought to be elected.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Seaton nominated Thomas Devitt, of the Fourth Ward.

Mr. Harlow nominated Thomas Lannon, of the Second Ward.

Mr. Moore nominated George W. Dearborn, of the First Ward.

Dr. French nominated E. I. Lloyd, of the Fourth Ward.

Mr. Janney nominated W. N. Brown, of the Second Ward.

The ballot resulted as follows: Dearborn, 15; Brown, 9; Lannon, 10; Lloyd, 16; Devitt, 19.

Another ballot for the Second Ward was required, and resulted as follows: Lannon, 10; Brown, 10.

Mr. Harlow said that Mr. Brown had no place of business; people would dislike to go to his residence, and often he would not be at home. Business would always keep Mr. Lannon at his store, where the people could find him.

The third ballot resulted as follows: Lannon, 10; Brown, 11.

Mr. Fowle nominated Henry L. Simpson.

The fourth ballot resulted as follows: Simpson, 15; Lannon, 5.

The resignation of John B. Smoot, President of the Board of Public Works, was read, and the election postponed until the next meeting.

Council then reassembled, and Mr. Broders withdrew his resolution and presented it again in the form of an act, and advocated allowing the grade to stand as they were before the change. He was in favor of nipping in the bud those proposed changes.

Considerable debate.

Mr. Beach inter-

tion to the grade on

Mr. Beach favored a grade which would suit the people in that neighborhood.

Mr. Shinn thought that the whole matter should be referred to a committee, and a report made giving Council full information upon the subject.

Mr. Eichberg would like to ask why it was that two months ago the City Surveyor had given a grade of Oronoko street, and why he now gives a grade several feet below the first grade given by him. If such child's play was to be persisted in he thought we had no use of such a City Surveyor.

Mr. Beach explained that the City Surveyor had to follow the directions of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Rishell said that the Superintendent of Police had just informed him that the City Surveyor had given Mr. Wilkerson one grade on one side of the street and Mr. Quinn another grade on the other side of the street.

Mr. McKeezie thought if they would only cover over the people who ordered such cuts it would be a blessing.

Mr. Hughes opposed the change. The City Surveyor had given a building line on one side of the street, which would run into the gas house, and the other which ran into the middle of the street. It was a disgrace. The City Surveyor was here and could be heard.

The subject was then postponed, and after some further business the Board adjourned.

LOCAL NEWS.

A MARTYR.—Mr. Samuel O. Bagot, a well-known resident of this city, was yesterday committed to jail by Justice Padgett on the charge of forgery. The particulars of the case are as follows: Mr. John Leatherland, fuel dealer, warranted Mr. Bagot for \$1.75, the price of a load of wood. The case was tried at Justice Padgett's office before that Justice and Justice Robert Bell. At the trial Mr. Bagot produced a bill and receipt of the same date, and for the same amount as that upon which he had been warranted. Mr. Leatherland swore that he had not signed the receipt, and his two sons swore they had not, and produced other receipts to show that the signature was none of theirs, but only from the one the defendant differed not only from the one the defendant had, but also from each other. Justice Bell decided that the defendant's was a good one. Justice Padgett dissented from that decision, and Justice Robert Lawson was sent for to determine the case. He agreed with Justice Padgett, and judgment was accordingly given for the plaintiff. That being over, Justice Padgett decided that the case had assumed a criminal character, and in default of bail the defendant—who swore that he knew nothing about the receipt he had exhibited, except that he had found it among his other receipts, and who positively refused to furnish any bail, preferring martyrdom—was committed to jail on the charge of forgery, to await the action of the grand jury at the next term of the court.

CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY.—Judge Jas. Keith presiding.—CRIMINAL.—Commonwealth vs. John Laws; an indictment for malicious cutting; jury, verdict: ten days in the county jail.

Com. vs. Patrick McLaughlin and Anthony Mahon; on a rule for failing to attend as witnesses; rule dismissed.

T. E. Morgan vs. E. Skiff's administrator; motion for a new trial and motion continued.

Com. vs. Isaac Lomax; on an indictment for malicious cutting; prisoner pleaded guilty of an assault and battery, and the Court sentenced him to ten days in the county jail.

Com. vs. Geo. Fisher, on an indictment for house breaking; jury, verdict: not guilty and prisoner discharged.

Com. vs. Jesse Triplett, on an indictment for an attempt to commit murder; jury and verdict of an attempt to commit murder in the first degree, and fixed the term of his imprisonment in the penitentiary at two years.

CHANCERY.—McQuinn vs. Walters; decree. Court adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a. m.

POLICE REPORT.—The following cases have been reported at police headquarters since yesterday.

Thompson Harris, for disorderly conduct at the Henry street depot, was fined and discharged.

G. L. Lovejoy and John Payne, for disorderly conduct and fighting at the house of Mrs. Schmidt, formerly kept by Nettie Green, were fined and discharged.

Thomas Rice, for disorderly conduct on the street was fined and discharged.

Jonas Gaines, for stealing a watch from Travis Pion, colored, was committed to jail for further examination.

The above cases were before the Mayor.

Peter Taylor, colored, for stealing coal from West & Brother of the county, was committed to jail for fifteen days by Justice N. S. Wright.

Four lodgers, all strangers, were accommodated at the station house last night.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—The second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Upper Potomac Steamboat Company, was held at the Custom House in this city, to-day. After the transaction of some routine business the meeting adjourned to meet in the same place on December 11th at 11 o'clock, for the election of officers for the ensuing year—to hear the reports of the Finance Committee, and to consider propositions for amendments to the constitution.

MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.—As will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the Common Council, published elsewhere in to-day's Gazette, another meeting of that Board will be held to-night for the purpose of coming to some determination with regard to the changes and proposed changes in the grades of the streets in the northern part of the city, the unsettled condition of which is a source of constant annoyance to the property-holders in that locality.

VENISON.—A magnificent buck, weighing upwards of one hundred and fifty pounds, was shot and killed near Public Church, yesterday, by a young son of Elias Grimsley, of that neighborhood, who was hunting. The deer was brought to this city and sold to Mr. J. Pierpoint, butcher, who will have it for sale in quantities to suit purchasers at his stall, No. 28, in the market to-morrow morning.

UNFOUNDED RUMOR.—A rumor was started here last night and attained an extensive circulation that Mr. R. J. Dingierfield, of this city, had been killed in Washington by being shot or thrown from a buggy. There was not the slightest foundation for it, and Mr. D.'s friends, who left here hurriedly to see about it, found him at the theatre enjoying the performance there.

CLERICAL.—The Southern Churchman says: "Lead's Church, Fauquier, vacated by Mr. Nelson, has called the Rev. J. B. Newton, of Essex, to succeed him; but he has not yet signified his acceptance. The Rev. John Ambler has resigned the charge of St. John's Church, West End, Alexandria."

COMEDY THEATRE.—Another full house greeted Wildman & Co.'s Comedy Theatrical Company at Sarepta Hall, last night, where the play of Kip Van Winkle was produced. The company will give their last exhibition in this city to-night.

JAM OF BOATS.—Navigation on the Alexandria Canal was suspended from three o'clock yesterday afternoon until one o'clock this morning by the large number of boats that jammed at the brick yards and became

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.)

The Longshoremen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Considerable apprehension is expressed at the result of the enforcement of the recent resolution of the steamshipmen to reduce the wages of the longshoremen. The latter declare their intention to resist the reduction, and that if enforced five thousand men employed on the docks in New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City, and Hoboken, will stop work Monday morning. The result will be the almost entire suspension of the shipping trade during the strike, as their places cannot be filled by inexperienced hands. The membership of the Longshoremen's Union reaches ten thousand, and they are better united than any other class of laborers. On the other hand the steamship agents claim that they cannot afford to pay the present rates, and are determined to make the proposed experiment.

Notable.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 11.—One of the most notable features of the grand demonstration last night, was the number of U. S. flags on public and private buildings. Every man who could make, beg or borrow the Star Spangled Banner, had one floating from his house and all were greeted with cheers by the people, 15,000 in number. It was the grandest union demonstration, in the South, since the war. Some negroes going about selecting new masters, under the impression that they were to be sold again into slavery, the whites in vain endeavored to re-assure them. Conservative blacks mingled with the whites in the procession last night. The universal expression is of renewed kindness to the colored race.

Suit for \$5,000.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 11.—Hugh Gaffney, steel chase rider, who was expelled from Jerome Park course, for his manner of riding Resolute, Saturday, Oct. 31st, has commenced suit in the Baltimore county Circuit Court against Jos. Donohue for three thousand five hundred dollars for wages on d service. Gaffney was employed by Donohue at the late Pimlico meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club, Donohue being a non-resident of this State, his horses Dublin, Caribon, Cuipeper, Lizzie Lucas and George West, were yesterday attached by the Sheriff of Baltimore county until suit is decided. They are allowed to remain at Pimlico in charge of a groom.

From Boston.

BOSTON, Nov. 11.—It is reported that Gen. Butler is preparing for publication a letter showing the causes of his late defeat. He claims that he was betrayed by men professing to be his friends, and promises uncomfortable revelations. He threatens to form a new party in Massachusetts.

Another attempt, made last night, on the part of the School Committee, to elect women to fill vacancies in the Board, failed.

The first of a series of meetings to agitate in favor of women on the School Board, was held at Dorchester. Julia Ward Howe and others made earnest pleas for women.

Express Car Robbed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—When the O-wego express on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad arrived at Mouch Chunk, last evening, it was discovered that the express car had been entered by robbers and the safe of Wescott & Co.'s Express Company thrown out on the track. The robbers effected an entrance from the top of the car while the express messenger was in another car. It is not known how much the safe contained, but the amount generally carried is anywhere from two to twenty thousand dollars.

Foreign News.

MADRID, Nov. 11.—The papal curial declares that Don Carlos was at Houdage and the French authorities refused to interfere with his movements.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The first heavy frost of the season in Great Britain occurred last night.

HENDAGE, Nov. 11.—The Republicans opened fire upon the Carlists entrenchments at Mount St. Marie yesterday and carried several positions with severe loss to the insurgents.

The Coopers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The disagreement between the coopers and employers is not on account of wages, but the employers insist upon the dissolution of the union, whose arbitrary regulations of labor methods are a bone of contention.

Fire.

SUMMIT, Miss., Nov. 11.—A fire this morning destroyed property, the aggregate loss upon which is \$55,000. Insurance \$30,000.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11, a. m. For the Middle States, clear or hazy weather southwest or northwest winds, rising barometer and lower temperature.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Stocks active. Money 3. Gold 104. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady. Corn dull and declining.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 11.—V. a. sixes, peels 41; do. consolidated 51. West Va. sixes 124. Cotton unchanged; low middlings 14. Flour unchanged. Wheat—Western dull; Southern steady; Maryland white 112 1/2; other grades unchanged. Corn—Southern firm and in good demand; white Southern 75 1/2; yellow do. 75 1/2; mixed Western dull and nominal at 85. Oats quiet but firm; Southern 63 1/2; Western mixed 62 1/2; do. white 68. Rye dull. Hay unchanged. Provisions firm. Western Butter firmer and higher, and in good demand; choice to fine tub 30 1/2; choice roll 30. Coffee nominal and unchanged. Sugar dull at 10 1/2 10 1/2.

POTATOES! POTATOES! POTATOES! A small cargo of choice MAINE POTATOES to arrive. For sale by F. A. REED, Janney's wharf. nov 5-11

FALLS' DOUBLE SUPERFINE MUS. TARD, superior to Colman's, and at lower rates, for sale by GEO. McBURNEY & SON, 106 and 170 King street. nov 7

B. T. BABBITT'S CONCENTRATED POTASH and U. S. Lye Co's. Concentrated Lye just received by R. B. LAWSON & CO. oct 31

GEO. E. CODFISH—A very fine lot just received and for sale by GEO. McBURNEY & SON, 106 and 170 King street. oct 31

NEW CUCUMBER PICKLES, by the 100 or dozen, in store and for sale by W. F. BROOKES, 147 King street. oct 1

YORKSHIRE RELISH—the best and cheapest Sauce in the world—for sale at No. 147 King street. W. F. BROOKES. oct 24

CANTON FLANNELS, COTTONS, &c. A large stock just opened at the lowest prices. nov 5 D. F. WITMER CO.

PERSONS IN WANT OF SLATE MAN-TLES and HEARINGS will do well by calling on PEAKE & CO., 187 King st. sep 11

40 SACKS RIO, LaGuayra and Govt. Java COFFEES in store and for sale at lowest current rates by J. C. MILBURN. oct 31

BED COMFORTERS, cheap at WM. N. BERKLEY'S, 64 King street. nov 10

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Staunton Spectator says:—"Mr. Geo. Johnson, of Alexandria, Manager of the St. Louis Life Ins. Co., will be here on to-morrow (Wednesday) to pay a claim of \$5,000 under a policy on the life of Maj. John A. Harman, dec'd."

The jury in the case of John Laws, for maliciously cutting John Seaton, both colored, failing to agree upon a verdict yesterday evening were escorted to the Mansion House and kept there all night under charge of Deputy Sheriff Folz.

Letters addressed to Mrs. Annie Allison, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Hoffman, Baltimore Md., are detained in the Post Office here for want of postage.

The Rev. Jesse Shreeves of Washington is to preach to-night in the Methodist Protestant church where a protracted meeting is now in progress.

The attention of the various fire companies of the city is directed to the notice of the Chief Engineer in to-day's Gazette.

Mr. Harrison Lodge was seriously injured by being thrown from his buggy near Round Hill in Loudoun county yesterday.

A meeting of the Columbia Fire Company will be held at their hall to-night at half past seven o'clock.

REGISTER IN BANKRUPTCY.—Judge Hughes, presiding in the U. S. District Court at Richmond, yesterday, upon the nomination of Chief Justice Waite, appointed A. W. Chilton, of Alexandria, Register in Bankruptcy for the Eighth Congressional District of Virginia.

THE WEATHER.—The weather yesterday and this morning was warm and delightful, but it turned cooler this afternoon, and towards evening indicated the approach of chill November's surly blasts.

Mr. James Corrie, Dentist, in Baltimore, writes: "I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup personally and in my family for two or three years, and am prepared to say that there is nothing to compare to it as a remedy for Coughs, Colds, &c."

Ague Conqueror.

No QUININE, ARSENIC OR POISONS. This is strong language, as Physicians and Chemists have for years tried to compound a preparation that would entirely cure Fever and Ague without the use of strong medicine, such as Quinine, Arsenic and other poisons injurious to the system. There is no case of Fever and Ague, Intermitting or Bilious Fevers, Congestive Chills, Night Sweats, Liver Complaints, &c., that this remedy will not cure at once and permanently. It purifies the Blood, Liver, Spleen and all secretory organs so effectually that the Chills will not return during the season, even when persons have had them for years. Sold by all druggists.

HENRY COOK & CO., Wholesale Agents.

nov 9-2m

FRUIT TREES AND GRAPE VINES FOR SALE.

I have for sale, at my house, third door west of the Stone Bridge, all sorts of FRUIT TREES and GRAPE VINES. I will so lay out and plant gardens and do anything connected with ornamental gardening.

nov 7-3; G. R. BERNHART.

PERFUMERY! PERFUMERY! Lubin's French Extracts of White Rose, New Mown Hay, &c., Atkinson's English Extracts of Jockey Club, Moss Rose, &c., Read's Grand Duchess, Drexel's Vienna and Florida Water, for sale by

no 10 PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM.

BEAVERS AND CASTORINAS, BLUE AND BLACK, FOR CLOAKS, nov 4 D. F. WITMER CO.

GREAT BARGAINS AT R. L. WOOD'S. Twelve hundred pairs of Misses' and Children's Stockings to be sold very cheap.

This is a lot of Hosiery that we bought at a closing out sale, and will be sold by us accordingly. nov 5

EASTERN HERRING. SHORE SPLIT and ROUND HERRING, just received per schr O. D. Withers, from Boston, and for sale by

nov 7-1w THOS. PERRY, 17 King street.

SHAWLS! SHAWLS! STRIPED AND FIGURED PAISLEYS. Also a great variety of CLOTH and WOOL-LEN SHAWLS, cheap at

nov 7 D. F. WITMER CO'S

OPENED TO-DAY—Cotton Yarn, Carpet Chain, Ladies' Skirts, Prints, Bed Ticking, Fancy Cassimeres, Cassinets, Shaker Flannels, Plain and Twilled Flannels, Canton Flannels, &c. Call and examine.

WM. N. BERKLEY, 64 King street. oct 5

THIRD OPENING OF CLOAKS THIS SEASON. Another full assortment received this day, of the latest styles, and at the lowest prices. Call and see them before buying.

nov 4 D. F. WITMER CO.

LADIES' SHAWLS, in great variety; Water-proof Cloth, all colors; Lambs' Wool and Merino Vests; all kinds of Ladies' and Children's Merino Goods, with a full stock of everything in our line.

nov 3 ROBT. L. WOOD.

PRESERVING SUGARS—Hard and Soft, Crushed and V. P. Sugars, just received and for sale low by

sep 17 J. C. MILBURN.

PURE CIDER VINEGAR, two years old, in store and for sale by

oct 13 W. F. BROOKES, 147 King street.

TOILET SOAPS—Colgate & Co's., McKee & Co's., Van Haagen & Co's., Robinson Bros. & Co's., and Park Co's. Toilet Soap, for sale by

sep 7 R. B. LAWSON & CO.

HOSIERY—A fine assortment of Striped Hose, Gloves and a variety of seasonable goods at FERGUSON'S HAIR DEPOT, nov 7

BORDEN'S EAGLE BRAND CONDENSED MILK for sale by

sep 15 GEO. McBURNEY & SON, 106 and 170 King street.

REPELANTS, Blue and Black, English and Domestic, very cheap, at

nov 2 D. F. WITMER CO'S.

100 BBL'S EASTERN HERRINGS for sale by

aug 31 WASHINGTON & BRO.

SHAKER CORN, New York Beans and new Crushed White Wheat just received by

oct 31 G. W. M. RAMSAY.

THREE-PLY SHIRT FRONTS, shield shape, at all prices, just received.

oct 29 D. F. WITMER CO.

EZEKIEL'S HAIR RESTORER. Just received at

nov 7 WARFIELD & HALL'S.

NEW YORK AND VIRGINIA BUCK-WHEAT for sale by